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MAN ADMITS LOCAL ROBBERY

A Penny for your Thoughts



"Do you think billboards are a nuisance as far as marring the scenery?" the Pennies inquirer asked persons in downtown Torrance.

Pete Gasco, 277 E. 215th St.:

"No, I don't think billboards are a problem along the highways and I don't think the billboards mar the scenery. There might be some of the boards that do, but I have never noticed any."

Mrs. Victor Novack, Lakewood:

"Yes, I think the billboards do mar the scenery. I think they should keep the billboards posted mostly in the city and not mar the countryside with them."

Frank Startup, 1417 Marcelina:

"I always read all the billboards and signs: I think that advertising is necessary and is a good thing for the nation. The billboards don't bother me as far as marring the scenery goes."

Mrs. Joseph Brittain, 117 E. 220th St.:

"I think they do mar the scenery. There is no doubt about it. If they did limit the number it would solve the problem, but of course the advertisers need them."

Tom Defouri, 21507 Moneta:

"I think they do. You have to have advertising to sell but the billboards should have more strategic spots. If you go to the mountains, the billboards are everywhere."

Bankers Meet

John Deal and P. Keith Hall of Guaranty Bank of Torrance attended the April dinner meeting of the independent Bankers Assn. of Southern California held at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, this weekend.

Re-evaluation Of Sites for College Asked

A complete re-evaluation of all existing sites for the proposed four-year state college, conceived to serve students in the Southwest, has been requested of the State Board of College Trustees by State Sen. Thomas M. Rees. Report of the request was contained in a letter to City Clerk Vernon Coil from Senator Rees this week.

Local Steel Plant Wins Two Plaques

Two more embossed plaques, the Oscars of Southern California business and industry safety, now grace the trophy room of the Torrance works of U. S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Division.

The awards were presented by Matthew A. Kuhta, a member of the grand sweepstakes committee for the Greater Los Angeles Safety Contest, following the Torrance works' winning both at the 14th annual holding of the competition.

The U. S. Steel plant took first place in the steel mill division of the metals section category for the ninth straight year of the 10 years this category has existed.

FOR THE SECOND straight year, the Torrance works received a plaque as one of the top five sweepstakes finalists of the 749 companies entering from throughout Southern California. Approximately 740,000 employees worked more than a billion manhours for the competing firms.

Judging was based on safety performances of 1962 of firms ranging from heavy industry to commercial establishments.

The two new plaques take their place with another major safety award received by the Torrance works in 1962. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962, the plant was awarded first place in Group C of the National Safety Contest by winning out over 42 steel mills in the same category.

South Dancers Set for Bowl

South High School's modern dance class, under the direction of Mrs. Jacqueline Strangman, has been selected to participate in the "Battle of the Bands" contest June 22 at the Hollywood Bowl.

Girls included in the group are Sally Hovey, Susan Palumbo, Ellen Kogan, Toni Sautella, Carole Brown, Mary Jane Collins, Nancy Baker, Susan Hovey, Katherine Schaffer, Susan Cooke and Vickie Hoffman.

6th Grader Wins

Hugh Walker, 816 Cota Ave., a 6th grader at Torrance Elementary School, won the annual spelling contest of the school sponsored by the student council.

The senator's request, which also asked that material concerning the evaluation of the proposed sites be made available to him, was received here as a new ray of hope for the city's chances of landing the college.

BIGGEST boost to local college hopes came recently with an offer of Chanslor-Western Oil Development, a Santa Fe subsidiary, to make 100 acres of land available at Sepulveda and Crenshaw for less than \$5 million. An additional 20 acres could be added to the site at a total site cost of less than \$6 million, according to the CWOD offer.

Any re-evaluation of sites would have to include the new Torrance offer, it was indicated to The HERALD.

The campaign to bring the college into the Torrance-Peninsula area is moving ahead on several other fronts at the same time.

A JOINT MEETING of the City Beautiful Commission and the Torrance Committee for South Bay College has been scheduled in the City Hall Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a fund-raising program to provide gifts to the college if located here.

The commission has indicated it would seek a per capita donation of \$1 from Torrance residents, making a fund

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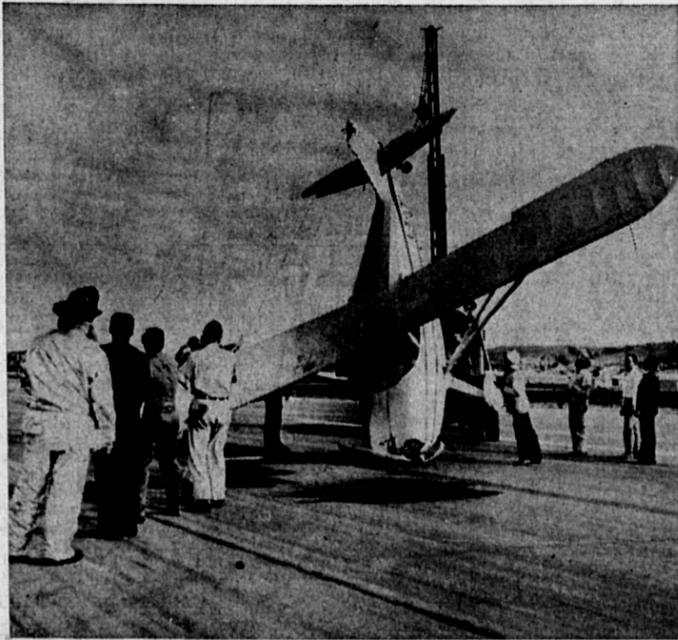
North French Teacher Wins Study at Tours

Mrs. Geraldine Rische, French instructor at North High School, has been selected with 79 other applicants, to participate in the University of Oregon's second-level institute at Tours, France, under the auspices of the National Defense Education Act.

The two-month tour of France will include visits to Paris, Languedoc, the Rhone Valley, Burgundy, Champagne, and Ile-de-France, as well as formal study.

Mrs. Rische and other members of the group will be housed with private families to further assist the institute purpose of gaining increased knowledge of the French way of life and the language.

Mrs. Rische was selected from more than 520 eligible applicants. She placed in the upper third at a first-level institute for secondary school



CRASH LANDING . . . Pilot and owner of this light airplane, Emery Dean Markwell, 39, and his passenger, Roger William Petty, 31, both of Portuguese Bend, escaped serious injury Thursday afternoon when the plane crashed on landing at the Torrance airport. Markwell said it appeared the left brake locked, causing him to lose control of the airplane which flipped over on its top. The accident occurred about 250 yards from the east end of the runway. A crash truck and bystanders work to upright the 1947 model aircraft. (Herald Photo)

Telephone Company Shows Off New Building in May

Celebrating 50 years of service to Torrance, Pacific Telephone will hold an open house in its newest building May 9 and 10.

Manager Dick Pyle said his firm established the Torrance exchange in 1913. It had 16 customers on Jan. 1, 1914 and today has more than 20,000.

"We've grown up alongside the city and we'd like to show everyone some of the ways

we're preparing for the future," the manager explained.

He said tours will be conducted through the telephone business, employment, and information offices at 2154 Torrance Blvd. between 1 and 9 p.m. both openhouse days.

Visitors will see a construction exhibit in the parking lot which features pole climbing, cable splicing, equipment used to put a pole in the ground and numerous other displays, he added.

"OUR COMPANY has invested better than \$8½ million in cable, wire, conduit, poles, and switching equipment in this exchange to meet its fantastic growth," Pyle said. "During the past decade, we have more than tripled the number of telephones served."

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Seaman Held For Series Of Holdups

An ex-convict arrested in Long Beach this week will face preliminary hearing in that city Monday on four counts of armed robbery after reportedly confessing a crime spree which covered much of the Pacific Coast "from San Francisco to San Diego," including Torrance.

Francis G. Robinson, 36, merchant seaman and self-confessed robber, was held in \$15,750 bail when he appeared before Municipal Judge J. Merrill Lilley in Long Beach Wednesday for arraignment.

Long Beach investigators on the case said Robinson had admitted to 26 holdups in California before his arrest a week ago. He would not talk about robberies in other states because of extradition regulations, it was reported.

Among robberies attributed to Robinson was the \$800 robbery of the Lomita Safeway store on April 19, and the \$15,000 robbery of a Torrance discount house several months ago. He told officers he had two partners in the discount house holdup.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Harold M. Stanley issued complaints against Robinson which led to his arraignment.

Robinson also is wanted in Santa Barbara, San Francisco, and several Orange County cities.

Are You Behind Schedule Today?

It may be later than you think.

Unless you jiggled your clock ahead an hour last evening, or stayed up with a hot canasta game until 2 a.m. today, you could well have lost an hour somewhere.

It's April 28, the last Sunday in April, and at 2 a.m. today, it suddenly became 3 a.m. as Daylight Saving Time went into effect throughout California.

So . . . if the minister is well into his sermon when you get the family to church this morning, there's only one explanation. You goofed!

School Plans Round-up Day Parade, Plays

A parade on the elementary school grounds at 10 a.m. will lead off annual Round-Up Day activities at Harbor City Christian School Thursday.

The parade, forming in the area near the new Foursquare Church will follow the east boundary of the school and terminate on the ball field, and will include costumed children, marching units, home-made floats and a king and queen chosen from the Harbor Christian High School.

Two comedies will be presented following the parade and various events offered, including egg throwing, bubble gum and greased pole contests.

Science Fair Exhibit Winners



SCIENCE FAIR WINNER . . . Richard Deuel, a 10th grader at West High School, won first place in his category for his display at the Science Fair Friday. The youth's display was on "Effects of Tranquilizing Drugs." (Herald Photo)



HANDMADE TELESCOPE . . . Carl Evans, a South High School junior, displays his handmade telescope which was a first place winner in the annual Science Fair Friday at South High School. (Herald Photo)

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